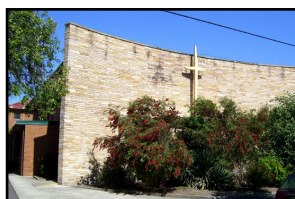


Sacred Heart Cathedral,
Hamilton



St Joseph's,
The Junction



St Mary, Star of the Sea,
Newcastle



Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Tighes Hill



St Laurence O'Toole's,
Broadmeadow



Christ the King,
Mayfield West



St Peter-in-Chains',
Stockton

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF THE CITY PASTORAL REGION

SUNDAY, 19TH JANUARY 2020 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Incorporating the Parishes of St Benedict's, Inner Newcastle, St Columban's, Mayfield, and St Peter-in-Chains, Stockton, our mission is to proclaim Christ in the inner suburbs of the City of Newcastle.

Our Parishes incorporate suburbs located on the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, pay respect to their Elders past and present, and commit ourselves to work together for reconciliation and justice.

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The Regional Office is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, and closed for lunch from 1pm to 2pm.

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Regional Bulletin

The Bulletin is published weekly.

Prayer requests and items for the Bulletin should be received at the Regional Office by Noon on Wednesdays.

THE PARISH DIARY...(for the week ahead)

2nd Week in Ordinary Time

Monday 20 January

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Tuesday 21 January

Memorial of St Agnes, virgin, martyr

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

8.45am Rosary @ Stockton

9.15am Mass @ Stockton

11am Anointing Mass @ Wescott

Wednesday 22 January

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Mayfield West

8:15am Mass @ The Cathedral

Thursday 23 January

7.30am Mass @ The Junction

8am Mass @ Stockton

8.15am Mass @ The Cathedral

9am Marian Prayer Group @ Mayfield West

5.30pm Mass @ Seafarers' Centre, Wickham

Friday 24 January

Memorial of St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

8am Mass @ Mayfield West

10.15am Mass @ The Junction

10.30am Anointing Mass @ Charles O'Neill Hostel

11am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation at The Cathedral

12.05pm Mass @ The Cathedral

Saturday 25 January

Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, apostle

9.15am Mass & Novena @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Vigil Mass @ Broadmeadow

5.30pm Vigil Mass @ The Cathedral

5.30pm Rosary @ Mayfield West

6pm Vigil Mass @ Mayfield West

Sunday 26 January

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30am Mass @ Newcastle

8am Mass @ Tighes Hill

9am Mass @ The Junction

9am Mass @ Stockton

9.30am Mass @ The Cathedral

10.30am Italian Mass @ Broadmeadow

11.30am Polish Mass @ The Cathedral

5pm Mass @ The Cathedral

The Cathedral and St Joseph's are served by a hearing loop—use the setting marked "T".

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY

First Reading Is 49:3, 5-6

Israel, a light to the nations.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10. R.vv.8.9

Here I am, Lord;

I come to do your will.

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted Him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 1:29-34

John the Baptist points to Jesus.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

(Please note special liturgy for Australia Day)

First Reading Is 32:15-18

Second Reading 1 Cor 12:4-11

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stojan Papic, Corina Mason, Victims of the bushfires



ANNIVERSARY: Stephen Francis Smith, Ellen Mary Caesar, Barbara Banfield, Matthew O'Dowd, Susan Maynard, Irena Ivanovic, John Joseph Anicich, Fr Thomas Purtell, Fr Patrick O'Quinlivan, Fr Rory O'Moore, Monsignor Allan Hart, Fr John Lavery, Fr Cornelius Petrus Martens, Edward Ekari, Harry & Ian Collins

SICK: John Belcher, Libby Oates, Graeme Burrage, Brian Swift, Monica Bound, Peter McCabe, Joan Haynes, Tom Towers, Kerry Davies, Lawson Rankin

Names may be placed here by contacting the Regional Office. Please refer to the Policy Document on the Regional website—visit www.newcastlecatholic.org.au/downloads.

The priests of the region wish to thank parishioners for the many kind Christmas gifts received. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.



Special thanks, also, to the volunteers who helped make the Christmas Masses such prayerful and joyous celebrations of Our Lord's birth.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation is available at **Sacred Heart Cathedral**: **Usually Fridays** from **11am** until **11.55am** and on Saturdays from **about 10.30am** until **11am**. Other times available by appointment.

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays, generally following our Sunday Masses. A monthly Baptism Preparation meeting takes place in the Regional Office on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing at **5.30pm**. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

A **Sacramental Preparation** process runs each year in the parishes for children wishing to complete the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation as part of the community of the parishes of the Region. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

For adults who wish to become part of the Church, our parishes celebrate the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** for those who have not been baptised, and the **Rite of Reception into Full Communion** for those who have been baptised in other churches as part of our commitment to proclaim the Gospel. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

Weddings are celebrated by arrangement with at least three (and preferably more) months notice. Please contact the Regional Office for more details, or visit the website.

A reminder to **Mayfield** parishioners that the Friday morning Mass is held at 9.15am in the School Hall during school terms and at **8am in Christ the King Church during school holidays**.

A reminder, also, to **Stockton** parishioners that **Reconciliation** is available each **Sunday morning from 8.20am to 8.50am**, prior to 9am Mass.

Broadmeadow and **Tighes Hill** parishioners, please note: Fr James is on leave until the end of January. Weekend Masses at Broadmeadow and Tighes Hill are continuing during this period, but there are **no weekday Masses**.

There are communion services at **Tighes Hill** during this period, at 9.15am on Wednesdays and Fridays. Broadmeadow and Tighes Hill parishioners are also invited to attend other weekday Masses in the region, as detailed in the parish diary.

You are invited to attend ***A Service of Prayer in Time of Drought and Fire***, to be held at **Christ Church Cathedral, Newcastle**, on **Monday 20th January, beginning at 5.30pm**. There will be a retiring offertory to assist the many impacted communities. Please RSVP on 4929 2052, or to cathedral@newcastlecathedral.org.au



Praying with our communities

We give thanks to God for the work of all the volunteers, who have done so much to help our communities at this time.

We pray that the bush will regenerate soon and that our native animals will return.

We continue to pray for rain and lower temperatures as the terrible drought and heat have had a wider but less spectacular effect on our local farmers.

REGIONAL NOTICES

Pastoral Care Team will meet on Thursday 23rd January at 3pm in the Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar Street.

“Change the Heart” Prayer Service: An ecumenical service of acknowledgement, lament and prayer as we approach January 26th – a day of mourning for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters. 7.00pm on **Wednesday, 22nd January**, at The Grainery Church, 11 Murray Dwyer Circuit Mayfield West.

Bookclub: Our next meeting is at 6.30pm on **Sunday, 2nd February** in the Regional Centre, 25 Farquhar Street, The Junction. We bring along a light snack to share. All are welcome to join Bookclub for one book or for them all. At the February meeting, we will share our thoughts on the book, *Daisy Jones & the Six*, by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

First Friday Fish & Chips: 7th February from 5pm at Bar Beach Pavilion. BYO everything. All welcome! Enquiries: Chris 0419 265194.



A very sincere ‘thank you’ to all those who, following the 5pm Mass last Sunday, helped remove the crib and Christmas decorations from the Cathedral and re-set it for Ordinary Time. Your generous response to the call for help was overwhelming and showed the great things ‘many hands’ can achieve. This was yet another example of the wonderful spirit of co-operation in our parish and in our region, for which we are most thankful!

FIRST FRIDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

We are about to commence the fifth year of FFF&F! Isn't that amazing?

We have become a little community, where some of our most valued guests are the residents of the Lindsay Gardens facility.

This 'minor miracle' does not happen without lots of work behind the scenes from Chris, Chris, Michael, Marea, Liz, Helene, Mary & Margaret K. Seemingly effortlessly, they present a delicious morning tea. Of course our priests, Fr Peter & Fr Bob, offer anointing to restore & strengthen our faith.

So it really is a *one-stop shop* for spiritual & social enrichment for those who attend 10.15am Mass, receive anointing and then join together for morning tea in the regional centre at 25 Farquhar Street.



Please consider joining the FFF&F community at St Joseph's in 2020. Our first get-together of the year is on **Friday, February 7th**.

*You won't know how good it is
until you come and join us!*

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

You are invited to a four week program at 'LIVING WATERS', 34 Kenrick Street, The Junction.

Early in the New Year is a good time to reassess our Spiritual Journey. Learning to meditate can be of great benefit to our Spiritual Life.

This program provides an opportunity for those interested in finding out about Christian Meditation to experience and practise in a small group, to learn about its origins and to discover its relevance as a form of prayer in the contemporary world. The Program is open to all!

Wednesday Evenings: 6.00pm to 7.00pm.
January 29th, February 5th, 12th, 19th.

For more information please contact Anne Cuskelly:
Email annecuskelly@hotmail.com
or phone 0407 436 808

Parish Holy Land Pilgrimage September 2020

In September 2020, Fr Peter will be leading a Parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, "In the Footsteps of Jesus", visiting the Dead Sea, Mt Nebo, Petra, the baptismal site of Jesus, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel, Haifa, Jericho, and Jerusalem. There will also be an optional extension to attend the Oberammergau Passion Play. The pilgrims will depart Australia on 3rd September 2020. The number of pilgrims will be limited, to heighten the experience for those undertaking the pilgrimage.

For centuries, Christians have gone on pilgrimage, to seek and immerse themselves in the presence of God. Pilgrimage is a journey of faith, allowing the Holy Spirit to renew those who journey. It is an opportunity to seek what our spirit longs for; it's travel with a purpose and faith that bears lasting fruit. Our pilgrimage operator, Harvest Journeys, has many years of experience in facilitating this experience.

More detailed information will be available in coming weeks, but if you would like to know more about the pilgrimage, please speak with Fr Peter or Fr Andrew.

The **Wurlitzer electric organ and stool** at Broadmeadow Church are no longer in use. Please contact Sr Carol on 0423 700523 if you are interested in acquiring them.



We pray for all those affected by bushfires.

*God Almighty, giver and sustainer of life,
For those whose homes are threatened by fire,
we ask your mercy.
For those whose lives are threatened by flames,
We pray your protection.
For those who have lost all their possessions,
We pray your comfort.
For those whose health is impaired by smoke,
We pray your healing.
Be with those who respond,
Keep safe firefighters, police and volunteers.
Make their efforts effective.
God in your mercy,
Hear our prayers.
Amen.*

OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE THE REGION

Look Who's Talking Australia Day: Criminal lawyer, refugee and public figure, Deng Adut, will feature as the keynote speaker at Maitland's official Australia Day ceremony in 2020. Adut, a self-made man, epitomises the Australian values of multiculturalism and 'a fair go'. He will speak about his journey from a peaceful village on the River Nile, that has seen the now lawyer overcome a harrowing childhood in the midst of war. The ceremony will be held indoors at Maitland Town Hall from 10am on Sunday, 26th January. Entry is free and there is no need to book.

Lina's Project: In 2017, the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle facilitated *The Atonement: Lina's Project* on behalf of Lina, a victim of child sexual abuse at the hands of a member of clergy. Bishop Bill then established 15th September as a Perpetual Day of Remembrance and, for a week, Lina's Project was screened onto the external walls of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. A screening will be held at Toronto Multi-Purpose Centre (9 Thorne Street, Toronto) on Wednesday, 12th February, at 6pm and a barbeque will follow (6.30pm to 8pm) in the adjoining grounds. For catering purposes, please RSVP by 7th February to linasprojecttoronto@mn.catholic.org.au or on 4979 1188. Personal details are not required to RSVP – only the number of attendees. Community members are invited to attend this event to support victims and survivors of abuse and to gather in a spirit of recognition, healing and hope.

2020 Catechists Mass: Bishop Bill invites you to an annual celebration of the wonderful work of catechists on Saturday, 22nd February at 2pm, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Celebrate the ministry of Special Religious Education, Sacraments of Initiation, RCIA and Children's Liturgy.

*Thank
you*

Many thanks for your kind donations to the appeal for Lawson Rankin, the former student of St Francis Xavier College, who was critically injured during a holiday in Bali late last year. The funds raised have been forwarded to Lawson's family and will assist in meeting his medical expenses. Further donations are being accepted at the regional office, as well as on the collection plate in an envelope marked Lawson Rankin. We continue to pray for Lawson and for his family members who are supporting him through this difficult time.

We continue our prayers for those affected by crippling drought conditions - and for the gift of rain.

We pray especially for those affected by the fires and for all those who are donating their time, talents and money in response to the disaster.

The **National Biennial Liturgy Conference** 12th-14th March 2020 is a great formation opportunity for anyone involved in liturgy preparation and ministry – pastoral ministers, catechists, musicians, educators and all who are interested in the Church's liturgy. Keynote speaker, Fr Paul Turner (Kansas USA), is greatly respected by our local church and well worth hearing as he touches on some Australian Plenary Council themes. Members of our diocesan Liturgy Council will also be presenting a workshop! The Parramatta location is attractively close for our participation and accommodation is available at the conference venue. Early bird registrations close 1st February, so don't delay to seize this opportunity. For more information go to bit.ly/nlc2020event

Shrines of Our Lady Pilgrimages: Journey with Our Lady as you visit famous shrines and sites of her apparitions. Explore various pilgrimage sites in Portugal, Spain and France during this eight night pilgrimage led by Catholic Priests. Featuring Lisbon, Fatima, Albe De Tormes, Avila, Segovia, Burges, Loyola, Lourdes, Manresa, Montserrat and Barcelona for an all-inclusive land package price of \$3890+tips. The fare includes entrances and sites as per itinerary + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. 2020 Departures available: 11th May 2020 and 2nd September 2020. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721561 or email info@magiholidays.com.au

Living the Gospel—Pointing the Way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!'

However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

The Bishop's Office is currently advertising for the position of Support Officer

The Opportunity

Do you have a personal vocation to participate in the life of the Church? Are you an experienced and highly professional administrative superstar looking to serve the Bishop and the Church using your unique skills and talents? If you've answered yes to these questions then this opportunity is for you.

The Bishop and the Bishop's Office of the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle is seeking a Support Officer to provide outstanding professional administrative support to the Executive Assistant to the Bishop/Manager Bishop's Office.

In this position you will undertake a diverse range of duties which include managing of calendars, organising and co-ordination of travel arrangements and meetings, preparation of documents and electronic records management. You will also be involved and responsible for organising events and functions, plus liaising with and processing visa applications for overseas clergy.

This is a permanent full-time position.

If this opportunity excites you, your values align with our Vision and Mission and you are committed to promoting and modelling the Catholic mission, then we would love you to apply for this position.

Join Us and Make a Difference to the Community

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle serves the Hunter and Manning regions which have a population of some 150,000 Catholics. Through its parishes, pastoral groups, and its agencies of Catholic Schools, CatholicCare, St Nicholas Early Education and other agencies, the diocese provides pastoral, educational, social welfare, and community development. The Diocese employs approximately 3,500 staff across these agencies.

Our Vision

To live the joy of the Gospel and share it with the world.

Our Mission

In 1992-93, the diocesan community resolved to embrace and promote the Vatican II understanding of the Church's mission contained in the following:

The Church, because it is the People of God and the Body of Christ enlivened by his Spirit, is called to be a sign and instrument of communion with God and of unity among all people (LG1). The Church exists to promote the Kingdom of God on earth (LG5). This it does by proclaiming Christ – the Good News of God's love for all people – and by working in the world for justice, peace and reconciliation.

For more information about the role, including the position description and selection criteria please visit <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/> or you can contact the Executive Assistant to Bishop/Manager Bishop's Office, Elizabeth Doyle on 4979 1109.

To Apply

Please go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/careers/positions-vacant/> and click on the job link, then click on Apply Now. To be considered for the position please provide a copy of your current resume and a cover letter individually addressing each of the essential criteria.

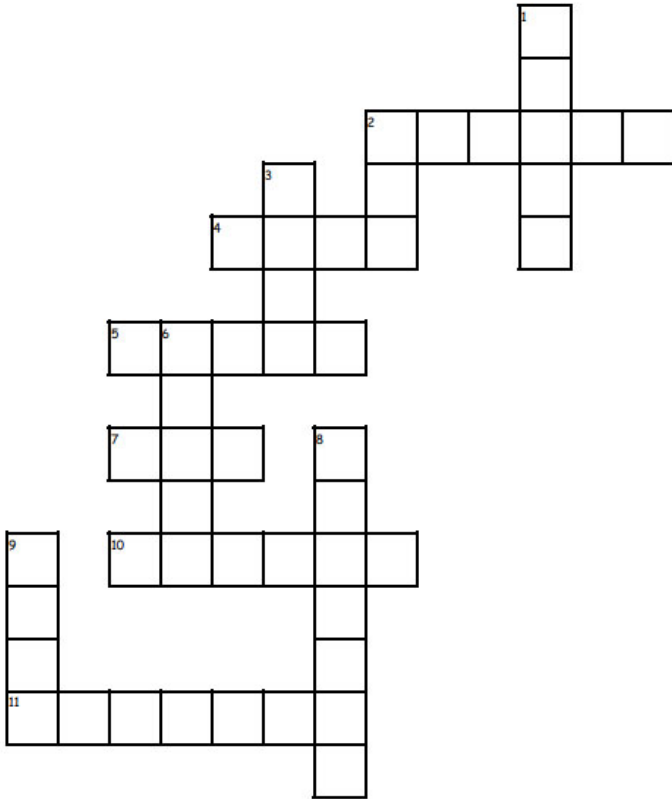
Please note that not adequately addressing the selection criteria will result in your application not being shortlisted.

Applicants may be required to undertake a national police check, hold a current employee Working With Children Check, complete a health assessment declaration, hold a current NSW driver's licence, and must have the ability to work within Australia.

Applications close 11.59pm Wednesday, 29th January 2020.

CROSSWORD

Here is the Lamb of God



Across

- 2: the Holy _____ came down like a dove
- 4: He baptised Jesus
- 5: John used this to baptise Jesus
- 7: a bad deed
- 10: the Kingdom of God
- 11: John came to _____ Jesus

Down

- 1: another word that describes the earth
- 2: Jesus is the ____ of God
- 3: a white bird
- 6: not dead
- 8: bigger, more impressive
- 9: a young sheep

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

I will make you a light to the nations

H T G Q X S E D B P N E B X X
 K Y S D Z E A W A L I V E W N
 N M I T G R L N X C Z J D G M
 E E N J O V H S J L U E B B P
 K A D O M E G K F Z L C D L A
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 N C T G L E A D C Q F W H A I
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 U V T S T R O N G L T B S B Y

Try to find these words:

- alive
- baptise
- Lamb
- lead
- listened
- prayer
- servant
- serve
- sin
- Spirit
- strong
- water

COMING WEEKEND ROSTERS

The Cathedral	ADULT SERVER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
25 Jan 5.30pm	Louise Outram	Lena Josue Michael Fuller	Kath Williams, Helen Bridges, Douglas Burke, Mansoor Jessa	Denise & Helen
26 Jan 9.30am		Reese Allado Charlize Allado	Peter Owens, Cora Armstrong, Frances Barber, Betty Stott	
26 Jan 5.00pm	Allen Brierley	Teresa Brierley Jane McNaughton	Vera Walker, Jane McNaughton	

NEWCASTLE	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
26 Jan 7.30am	T Maher P Clark	Volunteer	Roger Peters Ian Thomas

STOCKTON	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
26 Jan 9.00am	Luisa	Angela, Pat	Angela, Peter	Bernie, Harry, Wendy

TIGHES HILL	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
26 Jan 8.00am	Jacob Healey Moya Lantry	Sophia Wooldridge Xanthe Lamont	Rosie Hayes Keziah Lamont	Nicky Cathcart, Peter Ryan, Julie Gurr

THE JUNCTION	WELCOMERS	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	COUNTERS
26 Jan 9.00am	Sally Casey Rebeka Stokes	Cath Purkiss Michael Alexander	Stephen Family	Elizabeth Hickling Eleanora Macdonald John Cavenagh	M Williams C Mowbray B Straiton

BROADMEADOW	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTER OF COMMUNION	COUNTING TEAM	WELCOMING TEAM
25 Jan 5.30pm	Sr Ann Thomson rsm Sr Monica Sinclair rsm	Sr Judith Murphy rsm	G Haggerty, R Cathcart, T Casey, A Skehan	Eileen Howard & Robin Cathcart

MAYFIELD WEST	WELCOMER	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	PROCESSION WITH GIFTS	MINISTERS OF COMMUNION
25 Jan 6.00pm	Doreen	A Oto A Jenkins	D Woodford	M Williamson Sister Ann, D Mundy